

A Peculiar Document.

At the home of Bro. Michael Kimmel, of the Bear Creek church, I met a young man that had been down to the German Baptist Annual Meeting. He had a document that was given him on the streets. For a truthful statement of facts as they are, in that church it cannot be excelled.

To many of the readers of the EVANGELIST it will be very interesting, and thus send it for publication, hoping our editor will lay down the bars for its insertion.

It is apparently written by a very consistent member of the German Baptist church, and it only corroborates the many statements that have been made in the Progressive Christian, the Gospel Preacher, and this paper.

As the facts it contains were written and scattered by their own members, we cannot be blamed for publishing it, as it gives the statement of the true condition of the old church, and which has long ago been prophesied by Brethren Holsinger, Yoder and others. But we will let it speak for itself. It needs no comment.

EDWARD MASON.

IN THE NAME OF GOD—AMEN.

Has the glory of Israel departed? Has Ephraim again mixed himself with the people? Is he a dumb dog that can no longer bark? In its anxiety to abide the growth, and defeat the Old Order and Progressive factions that were pushed out of the church, has Annual Meeting lost its sense of gospel loyalty and consistency, and resorted to the methods of blind worldly policy? Thousands of dollars, besides much time and labor are spent every year in holding the Annual Meeting to pass decisions and devise methods by which the church may be kept pure, and its best interests advanced. We then go to our homes, sit down in idleness, and straightway forget what was done in our anxiety for another to come.

We legislate against the awful sin of pride, we pass decision after decision to keep the evil out of the church. We say sisters must not wear hats; brethren must dress in the order, fine, foppish, foolish dressing, and following after the foolish fashions of the world, must not be allowed.

Thousands of dollars have been spent to make the church pure in this respect alone; committee after committee has been sent out in the last years to cut off the dead worldly vines, the leaders of the progressive faction were cut off for advocating worldly fashions and opposing the order of the church in dress, but the evil has not ceased, men who lived not consistent, men who were secretly in league with the wild element, but who were too cowardly to show their colors and go where they belonged, quieted down, threw the blame on the shoulders of a few scapegoats, such as Holsinger and Bashor, waited till the storm blew over, and then sneakily went to work in their unholy business again. The same evil is upon us again, it is growing, and growing fast, and there seems to be no power in the church to stop it. Men who have been loudest in their denunciations of the progressives, and who have been the champions to throw dust and dirt in their faces have been equally industrious in undermining the established order and principles of the church.

They have done this work not publicly, through the press or from the pulpit, but quietly from house to house, 'the progressives went off too soon,' say they, 'we can have the same thing by going slow. We will work with the Annual Meeting, stay inside, and in a few years will have all we want.'

Then sisters can wear hats, and brethren dress as they please. The old brethren such as Eby and Wise, are honest but ignorant, they will die soon and then all will be well. How is it now in Eld. Jesse Calvert's congregation? Sisters no longer dress in the established order of the church, they wear fashionable hats and dresses, and are aided and abetted in their pride by both Calvert and Pritsbaugh. In Eld. William Deeter's church at Milford, and Isaac Berkey's church at Goshen, Ind., the order is no longer enforced. Eld. D. M. Miller, at Milledgeville,

Ill. S. H. Miller and E. K. Beeghly, South Waterloo, Iowa; Lewis Peiffer, Waterloo, Iowa; Conrad Caylor, Louisville, Ohio; Lewis Glass and S. B. Stuckey, Sandy Church, Ohio; Israel Poulston, New Jersey; Davis Yonce, Syracuse, Ind.; are among the elders and preachers who allow or encourage the open violations of the order of the church. J. T. Meyers, Green Tree, Pa., who is ambitious to obtain the place in the church of the lamented Eld. James Quinter, his father-in-law, who not only encourages sisters in pride, but preaches to them when their heads are covered with feathers and flowers, and does it without rebuke. Elder Gotswald, the bishop of the church, not only allows Meyers to run things in this wild way but allows an organ to be used in the Sunday school and church service. The church at Pottstown, under care of J. P. Hetric, is as fashionable and full of folly as any denomination around it. So is the church at Upper Dublin, Pa., Elder J. M. Mohler could tell a few things if he would speak. He is a trusted Evangelist, of course, but he preaches at such places as Johnstown, Pa., where the church is ruined by fashion, and its converts bloom out in the latest style.

Elder Johnson at Uniontown, Pa., presides over a church, where hats and feathers and flowers and bustles, are the sisters' stock in trade, and Elder Johnson aids and abets them. E. A. Orr, in Philadelphia preached for a stated salary of \$700 a year, and an order-loving brother or sister would appear full about as much at home—there, fellowshiping the members and listening to Orr belittle and teach against feet-washing and the supper as a saint would in perdition. The young I. M. Gibson, of Ills., wants Orr's place, but strikes the church for \$1,000 a year or he won't go. The church will take him no doubt at a just estimate of \$800 conceit and \$200 preach. Silas Hoover preaches for a stated salary at Elk Lick, Pa., and no congregation of the progressive church is more proud or fashionable than his.

Hoover goes out and makes like converts at other points. The Quinter Calvert's Brush Creek church, Ohio, is no more in the order than the church at Green Tree, Pa., and Quinter is getting to be one of the leading evangelists of the church. Elder David Long, of Md., allows his sisters to wear dress bonnets at home, and fashionable hats when they go visiting.

At Huntingdon, Pa., under the very shadow of the college, and with the full knowledge and consent of Brumbaugh and Swigart the order is openly violated. These churches are represented here, look at the delegates, and then say the brethren are the unworldly church it was or claims to, no wonder the progressives are gaining such power and making such inroads on us. Our glory has departed! God cannot be with us, we go on in this worldly way, with our eyes wide open and cannot hinder it.

We let down the bars to beat the Progressives, and now the world has swallowed us up. In one place sisters wear hats, and are in good standing, in another they are disfellowshipped if they wear them. We are as a church for purity and consistency a spectacle for the eyes of God and man.

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June 19.—On last Thursday eve. after our prayer meetings service, we received two additional members into the Bryan congregation, one by letter and one by relation from the German Baptist church. Elder James A. Ridenour and his estimable wife have been visiting here for about ten days. His wife is an accomplished christian lady, of more than ordinary intelligence, and has made many friends since she came here, she is so entertaining and agreeable that she is at once regarded, by every one who forms her acquaintance, as a model christian lady.

On last Saturday we went to Mt. Pleasant to fill our regular appointment. Bro. James preached for us on Saturday eve at the brown school house, and on Sunday morning at Mt. Pleasant. His Sunday morning sermon was one of his best efforts, and was very good being thoroughly practical in its nature. At 8 P. M. we met at the water side and I buried in baptism two young ladies who came out during our meetings last winter. but on account of delicate health deferred their baptism until now. In the evening we met for communion services. About thirty communicants surrounded the Lord's table, and, although the weather was disagreeable, yet all passed off pleasantly, and we left feeling that it was good to be there. May the Lord bless and prosper his children.

A. M. RIDENOUR

Akron, Ind.

Some time has elapsed since anything from this community has appeared in your columns. We wish to say we are alive and doing all the work we can, spiritually, and we acknowledge God's blessings among us. Our little body of members has been increased in number, during winter and spring, in which we have great cause for rejoicing. We organized a Sunday School on the 1st Sunday in April. The attendance is good. We have encountered much opposition in various ways, but by constant, untiring work on the part of brethren and sisters we will be sure to succeed.

The Brothers and sisters have concluded to organize a class and on the 11th of the month, we met for the purpose. We partly organized; S. S. Hoffman was elected secretary; Philip Eber treasurer, and we named our congregation The New Highland congregation. It was decided that this body shall be represented at State Convention by one or two delegates. Our regular meetings are on the second Sunday of each month. Elder Noah Heeter, Minister.

S. S. HOFFMAN.

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